

PVRC NEWSLETTER SEPT 99

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[Paper issue contained an order form for THE PVRC STORE]

POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB - NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 1999

PVRC CALENDAR

Weekly	Wed	BWI Regional weekly breakfast. Wednesdays 7:30 AM, Basil's Deli, Elkridge Landing Rd near BWI.
Monthly	Fri	SWVA meeting night at a Roanoke location that varies each month. Please check with K4IQ.
Monthly		Over-the-Hill Luncheon. Date to be announced. Hosts listed on reference page.
Sep 3	Thu	PVRC/NC meeting, Ryans at Crossroads Shopping Center, Cary, NC.
Sep 11/12		ARRL VHF QSO Party. 5 Mil award contest with club competition.
Sep 13	Mon	Central meeting at Patrick Henry Library, Vienna.
Sep 21	Tue	Northwest meeting, Tully's Grill, 1080 W. Patrick St, Frederick, MD at 7:30 pm
Sep 21	Tue	Tidewater Colony. New location is The Golden Corral in Chesapeake. VA. Meeting with VA-DXCC.
Sep 26	Sun	PVRC meeting at the FARfest near Bowie, MD. Please watch packet and reflector for time & location.

F.A.R.FEST '99 AT NEW LOCATION (PVRC meeting details at 'fest TBA.)

The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) will sponsor the 42nd annual F.A.R.Fest amateur radio hamfest on Sunday, Sept 26, 1999, at Prince George's Stadium 1/4 mile south of the junction of US-50 on US-301 in Bowie, MD between Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD.

This is a new location for F.A.R.Fest, with a paved area that accommodates over 700 tailgaters. Vendors and other sellers will be able to set up under the canopy of the stadium concourse. General admission tickets into F.A.R.Fest '99 are \$5.00 at the gate; \$10.00 for tailgating, which requires the purchase of general admission. Vendors and other exhibitors should contact Marry Morris, N4TCI at 703-971-3905 or [\[email protected\]](#) for info.

The Special Events station W3PRL-AM will be on display. Talk-in on 146.520 & 147.105 MHz. For general information, contact Al Brown, KZ3AB, 8645

Tower Dr, Laurel, MD 20723-1244, 301-490-3188 or
[\[email protected\]](#) Routes:

>From points North:

Take I-95 south to the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) to Exit 4 (I-97 South) toward Annapolis. On I-97 South, take Exit 7 (Route 3 South - Bowie/Odenton). Take Route 3 for approximately 11 miles. After passing under the Route 50 overpass, proceed to second traffic light and turn left into Stadium Drive. NOTE: Route 3 changes to Route 301 after you pass under Route 50.

>From points South:

Take I-95 North to Exit 104 (Route 301 North). Take 301 North past Upper Marlboro. Go through the traffic light at the Route 197 intersection (Rip's Country Inn will be on the right). At the next traffic light, turn right into Stadium Drive.

>From points East:

Take Route 50 West to Exit 13A (Route 301 South). At the second traffic light, turn left into Stadium Drive.

>From points West:

From I-70 East, follow directions coming from points North.

>From D.C. or the Capital Beltway:

From D.C., take New York Avenue to Route 50 East, or the Capital Beltway, Exit 19A (Route 50 East). Take Route 50 to Exit 11 (Route 197). Go South on Route 197 for approximately 1.5 miles to Route 301. Turn left onto Route 301 and remain in the right lane. Turn right at first traffic light into Stadium Drive.

SUMMER TREASURER REPORT by Dave Baugher, WR3L.

On behalf of PVRC I would like to thank you for the generous contributions in June, July and August. At the W3LPL open house I collected over \$300 in donations and \$100 from a 50-50 drawing. It was a true 50-50 drawing with \$50 to K2PLF and \$50 to PVRC. The Fowlfest was also productive with another \$100 collected. Donations were received from the following, K4RB, W4NL, KA4S, W9LT, K4CGC, K3SC, W3CB, KW4T, W3MR, KC3VO, NR4M, K2PLF, K3HH, K3VQ, K3MLA, K3SB, K4AW, W3AZD, WF3J, N3UMA, K1HTV, WX3B, W3RFC, WJ1R, W3ZN, W2YE, K4IX, W4ZV, W3JRY, W4TKR, W3IKE, K2YWE, and K3OSX. If I missed you please let me know as I want to keep the records accurate.

Please remember to forward your ARRL membership renewals (and new memberships) to me as well as your

donations. Looking forward to the approaching contest season and hoping to see members also contributing to the club scores.

On another subject, I find it impractical to have an open house here in September due to the lack of open weekends on my part, the holiday, contests, our Monday meeting and Bowie.

PVRC OFFICERS & OTHER CHANGES FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM
by Tyler Stewart, K3MM, President

In harmony with the "decentralization" of PVRC, I think it's timely to give greater consideration to "un-central" members who would like to become an elected official of PVRC.

Traditionally, the PVRC President and Vice President have presided over the central meetings and conducted all voting and other global club business from that venue. However, it has become obvious with the great success our new regional structure that this is probably no longer in the best interest of the club as a whole.

I propose for 2000 that we will turn over the central region to an appointed regional chairman, to be run as he/she sees fit, as we do now with all other regions. This could be a club officer, but is not a requirement. This could also be split between 2 members: one for the MD meetings and one for VA.

This will free up the officers from their traditional geographic boundaries and hopefully allow a more global approach to running the club activities. With the internet, etc., I really see no need to place geographical limitations, official or effectual, on the selection of PVRC officers.

Certainly we should also allow for more participation of the regions in club decisions requiring an official vote, such as election of officers, changes to the Club Constitution, etc. I'll be consulting with the other club officials to see if we can come up with the best way to accomplish this without compromising the security or integrity of PVRC. We may not be able to get this done before the next set of elections, but certainly we can get the ball rolling for next year.

In the meantime, I want to assure everyone that we will give serious consideration to anyone who is interested in serving PVRC in any official capacity,

elected or otherwise, without regard to geographic barriers.

NOV SWEEPSTAKES RULE CHANGES (Paraphrased from ARRL bulletin)

Effective with the 1999 running of the November Sweeps the following rules are changed:

1. A single operator unlimited category is added that allows use of Packet. No power differentiation.
2. The multi-operator category, is one transmitted signal but unlimited band changes.

See new rules in Oct '99 QST and www.arrl.org/contests.

WRTC 2000 INVITATION by Tyler Stewart, K3MM, Pres.

PVRC has been invited to send a team to Slovenia for the WRTC 2000 extravaganza!

As before, the PVRC team will consist of one PVRC member and one non-member from anywhere in the US, and will take place concurrent with the IARU 2000 contest July 7th and 8th.

If you feel you are qualified to represent PVRC in this prestigious capacity, we invite you to notify the club officers of your interest. Please send us a letter or email stating your desire to be considered along with a brief synopsis of your contesting achievements. Since it appears that the 2000 running will put an even heavier weight on CW skills than ever before, an applicants CW skills should be excellent.

I'd say we need to have all "applications" in by September 15th so the officers have plenty of time to make their decision.

NOTES FROM PENNSYLVANIA by STEVE CUTSHALL, K3TZV

Pete, KC3TL, received his award for first place (EPA Section) single op, hi-power in last years sweepstakes. Congratulations Pete.

Several work sessions at K3SWZ produced a KLM rotatable dipole, and a new Force 12 C3X and a HyGain Tailtwister to turn them. While no meeting was held assisting were K3WC, NE3H and I believe K3LHD.

Wally, AA3RC, reports that his application for a code variance was not approved. He will be taking down the tower that was erected and make a new application for a tower at a different location on his property. I'm sure we'll be having several works sessions/meeting to

get this done and hopefully Wally will be on the air with his new Force 12 C3X later this fall.

OVER-THE-HILL LUNCH by Ben Shaver, AA4XU

The Over-The-Hill Division of the PVRC met for lunch and discussion at Tom Weston's Restaurant in Annandale, VA on August 18, 1999. The following attended: W4RX Jim Algren, K3ZO Fred Laun, W3AZ Bill Leavitt, W3UJ Henry Herman, K7CMZ Mel Woods, W4DM Dale Harris, K6ETM George Sinclair, W3CB Cliff Bedore, W6AXX Howard Leake, W3GN Lawrence Fadner, K3WX Tony Faiola, W3CP Jim Headrick, W3XE Andy Andersen, AA4XU Ben Shaver.

SWVA ROANOKE HAMFEST MEETING by John Mitchell, K4IQ

The SWVA PVRC Chapter had an open meeting at the Roanoke Hamfest on August 21. SWVA members attending were K1GG, Gordon; N4GU, Mike; W4YE, Buddy; and K4IQ, John. We were very pleased to have N4MM, John as an out-of-town PVRC'er join us. Guests present were W4JAM, John, and his XYL WOMAN, Susanne; KK4WW, Dave; and K4ORD, Riley. After some brief introductory comments about the PVRC, and our fledgling branch here in SWVA, K4IQ asked Buddy W4YE and John N4MM to explain some of the history and tradition of the club. We then went around the room, and members shared station descriptions, upgrades, and operating interests and then we heard from each of the guests about their contesting interests and ham backgrounds.

W4JAM John, recently moved into the Lynchburg area from Florida, where he participated in multi-op contesting with the Florida Contest Group. He pointed out that his XYL, Susanne WOMAN, was no slouch either, with over 280 confirmed. John and Susanne are looking for some Rohn 55 in the local area to start growing an antenna farm. Dave, KK4WW, told us about his activities with the international radio foundation FAIRS, with which he has been closely associated for many years. Dave has quite a station, with stacked yagis on six towers, and is open to guest op'ing. We are hopeful Dave will consider the many benefits of PVRC membership in the very near future. (Yes, we realize we can benefit from his station, too). Riley, K4ORD, is an active member of the local club, and told us about the wire antennas he specializes in. John, N4MM, told us about the large tower he has in his front yard and how Lenny C. used to have miles of AB-105 available to PVRC'ers. The common theme of

PVRC'ers helping each other build and improve was once again reinforced by the recounting of such anecdotes.

After a brief discussion of the picnic next weekend at K4IQ's, the group meeting adjourned so members and guests could watch the grand prize drawing for the hamfest. K4IQ's daughter, Amanda, age nine, spun the barrel and drew the winning tickets, but, alas, no PVRC'ers were lucky this time.

SHORT NOTES BY THE EDITOR

Eric, R3/K3NA ([\[email protected\]](#)) notes that Roland Anders, K3RA, of Elkridge, Maryland, and an Ohio operator were named the recipients of the Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award. Congratulations.

Bob Dannals, W2GG's station caught a lightning strike and will be off packet for awhile. Meanwhile, please send scores to him via email at [\[email protected\]](#).

Fred Laun, K3ZO, worked Prose Walker, W4BW, on 7018 kHz on the 9th of August. Prose asked that best wishes and greetings to all his old friends in PVRC. He is 89 years old, lost his XYL on July 6, so he has moved from Tallahassee to live with a daughter in a suburb of Rochester, NY. He has an Alinco DX-77 and threw up a wire and worked WAC in the first 24 hours. He hopes to acquire his first computer soon, and when he does he plans to join the reflector.

Chas Weir, W6UM, dropped a note with his reunion score of 107 Q 14 mult for 2,996.

THE FAR AWARDED THE FIRST PVRC \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

On July 1st, the Foundation for Amateur Radio announced the award of the first annual \$1000 PVRC scholarship to Daniel Zimmerman, N3UMH, of Erie, PA. To the right is a reduced copy of the certificate (before Tyler signed it) and a photo of our scholarship recipient.

Dan was first licensed as a Tech Plus in 1995, He became an Extra class in June 1999 so he could nail the juicy DX below .025. Dan has worked 246 DXCC counties with the hope of reaching 250 before he heads back to the campus. Dan has complete two years at Clarkson University as a Physics major with a 4.0 average. PVRC is proud to place our scholarship into such able hands.

[The paper edition contained the following on this page:
Copy of scholarship certificate
Photo of N3UMH
Advertisement for the R F CONNECTION]

W3YOZ's PVRC/NCDXA Fowlfest - August 14, 1999 By Tyler Stewart K3MM

It was a lovely day for a picnic! All of these wonderful people had a good time and some great barbecued chicken courtesy of Marty, W3YOZ and his regular chicken chef Mark, who was flown in at great expense from NH just for the occasion! In attendance were: K3MM, XYL Laurie, and YYL Tayler, W2BZR, K3UT, K1HTV w/ XYL Phyllis KN1WSN, N3HSA, W3IKE, K1DQV, W4LIP, W3LEO, K7CMZ, N1KC, KD4BK, K3OSX, W3AZD, WB3ANE, NA1DX, W2YE, K3CHP, N3OC, N3HSA, KE3Q, KF3BE, W3AMY, K3ZO, N3UMA, WB3ANE plus guest Betty, W3HVQ, W3AZ, N3FZB, K3DI, W3BIR, W3MR, W3EKT, K2YWE, W3YOZ, W3UJ, W2GG, WR3Z, W3LPL, K4VV, and WR3L.

K3MM announced that PVRC has received a formal invitation to send a team to the WRTC 2000 to be held in Slovenia in conjunction with the IARU contest. Anyone interested in being considered for the PVRC Team Captain, please contact the officers of the club.

Nominations for PVRC officers will be held at the October Central meeting, with voting to take place at the November meeting. Anyone anywhere in the PVRC circle interested in being considered for any position should contact one the current officers or board members. We are currently working on legislation to more decentralize the club to allow and encourage more official participation from all regions.

We're trying to get a better jump on the Christmas dinner this year and are currently looking for a location. Rich KE3Q continues to support using the Olive Garden and has suggested moving it to a Saturday evening to attract more out-of-towners. K3MM is more in favor of moving back to a large private room with a buffet like we had at Andrews AFB. W3LPL says moving the dinner to the weekend would be a disaster because of peoples personal commitments on the weekends that close to the holidays. We invite comments from out-of-towners if they are in favor of the move to Saturday night.

W3LEO will be attempting to wrap up the PVRC 50th Anniversary booklet soon and all that haven't are encouraged to send in their questionnaire and/or pictures for inclusion. The questionnaire is available on the PVRC web site (www.pvrc.org).

K3DI is putting together an Autocall Magazine ad to take advantage of the free annual ad page offered to FAR member clubs. It will feature a brief description of the club and identify all regional contacts for further information.

N1KC is handling PVRC paraphernalia and is still taking orders for all sorts of club logo items including clothing and personalized PVRC mugs. His latest item is a very attractive 1 inch club logo pin!

K3MM reminded all that he is still offering a 15 percent discount on ICE and PAR filters as well as a 10 percent donation to the club on sales to club members. Additional info as well as some cute baby pictures are available at www.erols.com/k3mm!

PVRC trounced the competition in the ARRL 10 meter contest last year! We amassed an uncontested 31 million points with about 75 entries to emerge the lone Unlimited Category entry and more than double the points of the next highest club! Congratulations to all!

The 1999-2000 5 Million Award contest series will start a little earlier this year with the addition of club competition in the September ARRL VHF QSO Party, which is held the second full weekend of September. Be sure to get on and support this higher activity!

We had a hearty round of applause in thanks to Marty, W3YOZ and chef Mark for putting on yet another completely successful Fowlfest! Marty was presented with one of the new PVRC pins as a small gesture of our appreciation.

[paper edition has a full page of photographs taken at the Fowlfest.]

REFERENCE PAGE. Please send corrections to the editor. August changes are underscored (in the paper edition).

PVRC Officers

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WR3L Dave Baugher 410-DX1-WR3L [\[email protected\]](#)

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PVRC Charter Members:

W3GRF (SK), W4AAV (SK), W4KFC (SK), N0FFZ (SK), W4LUE,
W7YS, VP2VI (W0DX), W3IKN, W4KFT.

PacketCluster Contest/DX System, MHz:

W3LPL Glenwood MD 145.590 441.250

KE3Q Bowie MD 145.570 445.375

WR3L Baltimore MD 145.610 440.950

N3RR Rockville MD 145.510 441.325

K3SKE Frederick MD 144.930

N4OHE Mt.Weather VA 145.710 440.925

K3MQH S Mountain PA 145.630

N4SR Woodbridge VA 145.630 *

K4FJ Mt. Vernon VA 145.770 *

W4XP Bull Run Mt " 144.990

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Valley DX Spotting Network except "*"
are independently funded by each SYSOP.

PVRC on Internet.

PVRC web site by K3SA:

<http://www.pvrc.org>

PVRC/NC web site by KS4XG

<http://www.pagesz.net/~pvrcnc>

PVRC reflector: (editor N4AF)

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PVRC dues and ARRL renewals: The annual
dues are by donation - hopefully at
least \$10. Club gets a cut from ARRL
renewals sent via PVRC. Both dues and
renewal checks should be made to PVRC

and sent to Dave Baugher, WR3L, 615
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Thank you.

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The Newsletter deadline is normally
ABOUT the day after the third Friday of
each month. The FAR deadline is 60 days
prior to the issue date.

CENTRAL: The Central Meeting is always
the second Monday (except June, July,
and August) at 7:30 pm. The central
meeting generally alternates between MD
and VA locations. A pre-meeting dinner
is usually held between 5:00 and 6:30
pm. Check via 147- repeater.

VA LOCATION: The Patrick Henry
(Public) Library, Route 123, Vienna, VA.
Pre-meeting dinner at Outback, Old
Branch Ave.

MD LOCATION: Church of the Nativity
(Episcopal), Route 5, Temple Hills, MD.
Pre-meeting dinner at Topolino's.

NORTHWEST: Greg Altig 410-775-7313
[\[email protected\]](#) Meets at 7:30 pm on the
third Tuesday every month at Tully's
Grill, 1080 W. Patrick St, Frederick,
MD. Same center as Shoppers Food
Warehouse. Essentially includes WEST
VIRGINIA area.

NORTH CAROLINA: Chair: Jim Stevens,
K4MA, [\[email protected\]](#); Sec: Pete
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919-362-4635, wk: 919-481-6874.
Activites: Jim Stevens, K4MA. POC is
K4MA & KS4XG. Howie Hoyt, N4AF,
[\[email protected\]](#) is PVRC reflector editor.
PVRC/NC meets at 6:00 pm the first
Thursday of every month at Ryan's Family
Steakhouse at Crossroads in Cary.

TIDEWATER (VA) COLONY OF PVRC:
Don Lynch W4ZYT 757-486-0728

[\[email protected\]](#) Meetings are the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of every month are held jointly with the VA DXCC at The Golden Corral corner of Battlefield Blvd and Volvo Dr in Chesapeake, VA. Easy access from I-64 at Rte 168 exit. Dinner at 1830 and meeting at 1930.

SOUTHWEST VA CHAPTER: Coordinator: John Mitchell, K4IQ, Catawba, VA 540-384-7377, [\[email protected\]](#) Monthly meetings alternate between Roanoke area locations

THE BWI REGIONAL/PVRC: Weekly breakfast Wed at 7:30 AM at Basil's Deli Port on Elkrdige Landing Rd 1/4 mile South of Winterson Road 410-850-4333. Director: Ike Lawton, W2EOS, 410-263-2830. Secretary: Howard Leake, W6AXX, 410-465-7008, [\[email protected\]](#)

OVER-THE-HILL LUNCH BUNCH: Rotating hosts announces meeting info. Ben Shaver, AA4XU, 703-534-4740; Andy Anderson, W3XE, 301-384-7771, [\[email protected\]](#), Holiday Inn, College Park MD; and Bill Leavitt, W3AZ, 301-292-5797, Ramada Inn, Oxon Hill

PENNSYLVANIA: Steve Cutshall, K3TZV, [\[email protected\]](#), 717-763-0462.

RAPPAHANNOCK: Steve Bookout, NR4M (ex-NJ4F) [\[email protected\]](#) Also, Larry Schimelpfenig, K7SV, [\[email protected\]](#)

WOODBIDGE: Jack O'Mara W4NF, [\[email protected\]](#) 703-680-4106 and Cliff Deel W4CE, [\[email protected\]](#) 703-491-0841

CENTRAL VA: Bob Morris, W4MYA 804-457-9011 [\[email protected\]](#)

SOUTHERN MD: Chair: Barry Shapiro, WR3Z. H:301-862-2466 [\[email protected\]](#) Usually on the first Monday of Sep, Dec, Mar, and May at N1WR's.

EASTERN-SHORE (DEL-MAR-VA): Dallas Carter, W3PP 302-875-0550 [\[email protected\]](#)

SHENANDOAH: Bill Hinkle KB3AUG
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NORTHEAST: WR3L See info above.

ANNAPOLIS: K3DI. See info at left
column.

OTHER MEETINGS based on prior year(s):

May.	Meeting at Dayton Hamvention
Jun.	W3LPL open house Sat before Field Day. With joint FRC/PVRC meeting on alternate years. (1999, 2001, ...)
summer.	When joint FRC/PVRC is at FRC, and FRC announces the date.
Jul.	PVRC/NC cook out
Jul.	Open house, W4MYA, Goochland,
Aug.	NCDXA/PVRC Fowlfest at W3YOZ
Aug.	VHF++ meeting/workshop at ND3F
Sep.	PVRC meeting at the FARfest Bowie
Sep.	Open house, WR3L, Baltimore
Dec.	Christmas dinner, DC area.

5 MILLION (CLUB COMPETITION) AWARD

Month and number of the full week end.

Jan 3	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
Jan Last	CQWW 160m CW
Feb 3	ARRL DX CW
Feb Last	CQWW 160m SSB
Mar 1	ARRL DX SSB
Mar Last	CQWW WPX SSB
May Last	CQWW WPX CW
Sep 2	ARRL VHF QSO Party
Oct Last	CQWW DX SSB
Nov 1	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 3	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov Last	CQWW DX CW
Dec 1	ARRL 160m Mixed
Dec 2	ARRL 10m Mixed

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Roster updates at: <http://www.pvrc.org/pvrcmm98.htm>

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